

Claim 2 (Twice Amended): The polyamide composition in accordance with Claim 13 wherein said copper salt is selected from the group consisting of copper salts of an organic acid and copper salts of an inorganic acid.

Claim 3 (Twice Amended): The polyamide composition in accordance with Claim 13 wherein said copper salt is a cuprous halide.

Claim 4 (Twice Amended): The polyamide composition in accordance with Claim 13 wherein said aliphatic phosphate is selected from the group consisting of tris(tribromoneopentyl)phosphate, dibromodioxaphosphorinane derivatives and chlorine containing polyphosphonates.

Claim 5 (Twice Amended): The polyamide composition in accordance with Claim 13 wherein said aromatic compound is selected from the group consisting of decabromophenyl, decabromophenylether, chlorinated dimethanedibenzo(a,e)-cyclooctane derivatives, tetrabromobisphenol A, chlorinated or brominated styrene oligomers, tetrabromobisphenol A derivatives and polydibromostyrene.

Claim 6 (Twice Amended): The polyamide composition in accordance with Claim 13 wherein said paraffin is chloroparaffin or bromoparaffin.

Claim 7 (Twice Amended): A method for the preparation of a stabilized composition comprising mixing at least one polyamide, said polyamide selected from the group consisting of polyamide 6, polyamide 66, polyamide 610, polyamide 11, polyamide 12, PACM-12, MPB-1, PPD-T and an aramide, at least one copper salt and at least one organic halogen-containing compound selected from the group consisting of aromatic compounds, aliphatic phosphates, paraffins and mixtures thereof.

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Claim 8 (Twice Amended): The method in accordance with Claim 7 wherein

said at least one copper salt and said at least one organic halogen-containing compound are added in the form of a masterbatch.

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Claim 10 (Twice Amended): The polyamide composition in accordance with

Claim 13 comprising at least one compound selected from the group consisting of organic phosphates, inorganic phosphonates, inorganic hypophosphates and mixtures thereof.

Claim 11 (Twice Amended): The method for the preparation of a stabilized

polyamide composition in accordance with Claim 7 comprising adding at least one compound selected from the group consisting of organic phosphites, inorganic phosphonates, inorganic hypophosphites and mixtures thereof.

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REMARKS

All the claims submitted for examination in this application have been objected to and/or rejected. Applicant has amended his claims and respectfully submits that all the amended claims currently in this application are patentable over the objection and rejections of record.

Turning first to the objection of record, Claims 2-6, 8, 10 and 11 stand objected to predicated upon the absence of the definite article "The," rather than the indefinite article "A," appearing at the beginning of these claims. The Official Action argues that dependent claims must start with "The" rather than "A." OK

Although applicant strongly argues that this is not the case, they have, in a spirit of cooperation, amended those claims to begin with the definite article "The." As such,